

Purim Update

Megillah Madness

This year's Purim party, Megillah Madness, will begin with the reading of the Megillah followed by an evening of square dancing *taught* by renowned square dance caller Andy Shore. Whether you have never square danced before or have been square dancing for years, this should be a fun-filled and memorable Purim for all! The party takes place on Saturday, March 6 starting at 7 pm in the *gym* of the San Francisco Jewish Community Center, 3200 California St. at Masonic.

Costumes. Be creative. There is both an admission discount for those who come in costume and contests with three categories and prizes. Winners of both the best western costume and the best Purim-story costume will each win two tickets to a show at Theatre Rhinoceros.

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CSZ Responds To AIDS

Adopt-A-Route for Project Open Hand

Imagine, if you will, undertaking the enormous task of cooking and home delivering a meal for 1,500 people. That you have committed to preparing this meal, not once, but every evening of the week. And, that you are not sure who will show up to help you each day. Well, this is exactly the labor of love that Project Open Hand, the non-profit that prepares and delivers meals to men, women and children living with AIDS in the Bay Area, has been accomplishing every day for the last eight years. Every evening, seven days a week, 365 days a year, volunteers from Project Open Hand fan out across San Francisco, Oakland, Berkeley and Emeryville to deliver nourishing hot meals and groceries to people living with AIDS. Those people who receive meals rely on Project Open Hand for a lot more than food: they count on the smile at the door, the daily contact,

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The 13th International Conference of Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Jews (April 30-May 3)

Going to London?

Enclosed with each CSZ member's newsletter is the Registration Form for the Conference. These were sent (three day air) from London in early December, but didn't reach us until Mid-January. The early registration deadline (February 15) has been extended for anyone attending from the San Francisco Bay Area until February 28. After that date, the registration fee goes up. Given the current exchange rate, you'll

save \$30-40 by registering early.

Payment must be made in pound sterling. If your bank cannot issue you a money order in pound sterling, try the Royal Bank of Scotland, 600 Montgomery St., San Francisco; 788-4500 (Scottish and British pounds are the same).

For more information, call Marc Mencher (626-9592) or Robin Leonard (386-7876).

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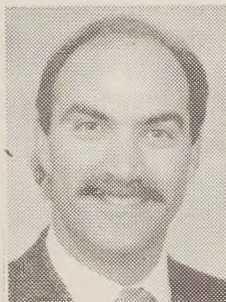
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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

For information regarding CSZ's contingent to the march and affordable travel packages, call Simon Glinksy (415/648-0554) or Howard Goldberg (415/ 621-6034)

What Your Synagogue Can Do For You—Part I

At a recent board meeting, the topic of hiring a program director was discussed. Everyone agreed that we needed to have someone on staff who was responsible for coordinating and following through on our many programs and events, as well as enabling us to try some new kinds of programming. A rather disheartening exchange occurred when we realized that there was little room in the budget for cutting back in order to fund this new position, even at as few as 10 hours a week. Dues and other income were simply not enough to add further staff positions. The question was raised as to whether members actually



Allan Gold

realized how much programming we at Sha'ar Zahav are trying to do, and how much it all costs. So I decided to take on the challenge of trying to explain the relationship among membership, fundraising, and programs, with the hope that if members understood where their money goes, they would be more willing to support our programs financially. But rather than have these columns be just another pitch for money, I wanted to focus on what CSZ can do for you. In several of my columns in the past I have asked for your volunteer efforts; in essence, what you could do for the synagogue. And we do have a remarkably high rate of volunteerism. Many people give much of themselves to help make CSZ work. I think, on the other hand, that it is also human nature to ask the question "What's in it for me?" And

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While You're in Washington ...

While you're making your plans to go to Washington, D.C. for the April 25 March for Lesbian/Gay/Bi Rights, you might want to take advantage of a terrific coincidence. That same weekend, also in D.C., is the Consultation on Conscience, the UAHC's biennial program on Jewish social justice/political issues, conducted on Capitol Hill. It's a unique opportunity to meet with members of Congress, administration officials and lobbyists, and to learn and talk about how political issues important to the Jewish community will take shape under the new national administration. The Consultation runs from the evening of Sunday, April 25 through Tuesday, April 27 and costs about \$150.

The organizers of the Consultation, the UAHC's Religious Action Center for Reform Judaism, are aware of the march and are encouraging Consultation participants to attend the march as well. To learn more about the Consultation, contact Allyce Kimerling (282-6599).

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Clarification

The December *Forward* carried an article about the local Gay and Lesbian Israeli group mentioning the nickname by which a few of its members refer to the group. We have been asked to clarify for our readers that the group refers to itself as the Gay and Lesbian Israeli group (or chevreh). The tongue-in-cheek name mentioned in the December *Forward* may have been offensive to some. No offense or disrespect was intended. For more information on the chevreh, please call 510/233-9998.

President's Column

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when members find that their needs are not being met, the first thing that is called into question is financial support. So, therefore, I feel that it is important to recognize the variety of benefits we derive from membership, before we can expect a level of financial support that will enable us to do everything that we'd like.

Before discussing these benefits, I think it is useful to know where our \$219,000 of expenses goes. Interestingly, what costs the most is not programming, per se, but the infrastructure that supports it. About 70% of our expenses is for the rabbi and staff, building maintenance, and office supplies. Another 8% is for the *Gaily Forward*, our main vehicle of communication. Seven percent is for dues in our parent organizations, the UAHC and World Congress of Gay and Lesbian Jews. Twelve percent is for events, including High Holidays, and other programs, including Kadimah. Other committee expenses are only 1% of the budget, with another 1-2% in miscellaneous expenses. Thus, most of what we pay for does not go into direct services through committees, but we must look at all of the activities as not being able to occur at all without a rabbi, administrator, secretary, building, and newsletter. What we get is a package deal—all or none.

So what is the "all?" I'd like to spend this column and maybe the next two, outlining what each committee and event and staff person can do for you; in effect, why it's worth it to support CSZ to the fullest. I'll begin, with the committees first, because, I think that many members, both long-time and newer may not really know what the committees do, and more importantly, that they are not just work, but can provide some very valuable experiences and skills to committee members, as well as services to the rest of us. So here are brief descriptions of all committees (in alphabetical order) that are open to any member.

Archives: This is a new committee, the purpose of which is to organize and keep records of our history. It provides a service to all of us by preserving an exciting and unique story.

Bequests and Donations: This committee is designed to help give guidance

to members who wish to make donations or bequests to the synagogue. While this committee doesn't offer legal advice, members are provided with the helpful service of thinking through how they might want to disburse their estate. Committee members can learn about a variety of options for bequests.

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Israel Trip

Still interested in joining the CSZ trip to Israel? Currently there are 34 CSZ'niks planning on attending. Because there have been a few cancellations, openings are now available. The tour will run from May 4-15 and the estimated all-inclusive cost is \$2,600. While you can tailor your own departure and return date at no additional cost, the standard package has us departing SFO on May 3, returning May 16. For further information, please call Ron Lezell at 626-5748.

Dues ... Dues ... Dues ... Sometimes Feels Like the IRS

Do you sometimes wonder what the Dues Committee actually does? Do you wonder how we come to the opinion that you are paying your fair share, or that you should be paying more? Our mission is to ensure the financial stability and growth of the CSZ community. We must provide access for all, secure a home for our community, and most importantly, educate our community that each one of us must assume the mitzvah of responsibility to our congregation.

As one of our members put it: "Deciding on dues can be a strongly educational process. It lets us each assess or reassess what we are to the congregation and what it is to us. CSZ asks for a firm and significant commitment. Our congregants are not coming from other synagogues where they are used to firm dues. We come from the Women's Building and ACT-UP, from the Birthday Club and the ACLU, some of us even from the Mattachine Society.... This is not a country club to us, it's the closest to family we have left. So the dues decision is sometimes intense. It involves practical support matters for the growing budget, but that's not where it stops. CSZ is not the ACLU, and it's also not Jimmy Swaggart. Dues are a spiritual decision of importance. It is a firm commitment to our identity."

We operate under the principles of SAFE, an acronym which means Systematic, Across the board, Fair, and Equitable. Whenever there is discussion of a member's intended pledge (in absolute confidence), we measure our decisions by SAFE—sometimes a very time consuming process. Sometimes it is very difficult to discern the difference between a member's *ability* to give and their *willingness* to give; assessing the former and fostering the latter.

In order to come up with our operating principles, committee members spent months in the planning process which created the Dues Committee, and then when the committee was actually formed, we surveyed all of the Reform congregations in Northern California. We asked representatives of several congregations to come and speak to each of us about what worked and what didn't. Of course, CSZ is unique in many ways, and our dues policy is as well. For instance, did you know that CSZ has the

lowest dues in Northern California of any Reform congregation?

Being a committee member is rewarding—especially when we are able to work with a member who may be having hard times, or a member who may be having difficulty assuming an adult role of individual responsibility, and we are able to help that member work through their concerns. The job is also sometimes frustrating, as often we are the first to hear of illness, job loss, and separation. But then, the good part of that is that we are able to connect those individuals to services in our community that they may have been too overwhelmed to consider.

Super Sunday Is February 28

Super Sunday, the annual fund-raising phonathon of the Jewish Community Federation, raises dollars for our Jewish agencies that help those in need: the homeless, unemployed, persons with AIDS and other disabling physical and psychological difficulties.

In addition, the proceeds from Super Sunday support the agencies that fight against anti-Semitism and discrimination plus groups that help resettle immigrants who have fled countries where their lives were endangered—just because they are Jewish.

Volunteers will staff the Super Sunday phones for 12 hours. When you're called, remember how critical every gift is; and please, be as generous as you can afford to be.

Bat Mitzvah Group

A group of about eight women has met three times to begin planning for a group Bat Mitzvah in spring 1994. We plan to close the group after our next meeting on Saturday, February 13. We will have a pot-luck lunch at the synagogue after the Saturday morning service and meet until 2 pm. If you would like to talk with one of us about joining the group, please call Nikki Bengal (752- 2735) or Tova Green (510/428-0240).

Women's Chavurah Shabbat Dinner

The next Women's Shabbat Dinner is scheduled for February 12, at 6:30 pm in the synagogue library. Shabbat dinners are a great way to learn about CSZ and the activities of the Women's Chavurah. The dinners are also a very pleasant way to get to know other women in the congregation. Contact Audrey Adelson (510/849-3021) by Wednesday, February 10 to reserve a dinner and for more information on the menu selection and price.

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There will be another fabulous prize for the most original costume category.

Hamentashen and other food and drink will be provided. Enter the hamentashen bake-off (please call ahead). The prize for this year's best hamentashen is dinner for two at Splendido Restaurant in the Embarcadero Center.

Dance exhibition. During a break in the square dancing, there will be a short performance by the famed Foggy City Dancers (including our own Tiela Chalmers) whose members will also be on hand to square dance with us!

Purim Portrait Studio. Preserve your personal Purim "presentation" for posterity with Polaroids.

The evening begins with the reading of the Megillah at 7 pm. Not only is admission to the service free, but we will even loan you a grogger! The square dancing lessons will begin at 8 pm. Limited childcare will be available by reservation only. Admission prices for the party: CSZ members—\$5 in costume, \$7 in regular dress; non-members—\$6 in costume, \$8 in regular dress.

But wait, there's more! Have even more fun by getting involved! Use your skills and help us plan decorations or the final menu, make or bake something to eat (let us know in advance), help decorate or clean-up, take tickets or Polaroids (we have the camera). To get more information or get involved call the office (861-6932) or Nathan Robinson (567-8706). See you there!

Classifieds

HAIRCUTS! Sick? Stuck at home? Call Shelley (415) 598-9300 for appointments in your home.

January Va'ad Report

The Va'ad meeting for the month of January 1993 opened with Rabbi Kahn leading us in a discussion of another passage from *Reform Judaism: A Centenary Perspective*. This particular passage dealt with the significance of the Torah to Jews. "For millennia, the creation of Torah has not ceased and Jewish creativity in our time is adding to the chain of tradition." This indicates that, to us, the Torah is still growing and developing as opposed to being a static and non-changing work.

Gary Sokol's treasurer's report featured a funds flow chart, which helped the Va'ad track how well we're doing in terms of our budget for the year. There were no surprises or major causes of concern in the report.

During the course of the December meeting, the possibility of creating the position of program director came up and the topic was carried into this meeting. The proposed position would be

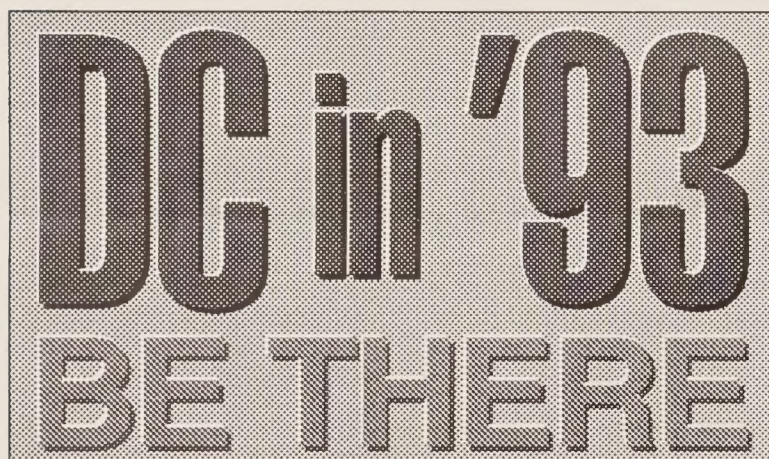
one-quarter time, or approximately 10 hours per week. The responsibilities would include adult social programming, children's programming, and other adult programs which would involve implementing or assisting with program ideas. The position would pay up to \$7500 per year. There was some concern that we should not be creating a new position which would be taking over from what might be viewed as the role of Va'ad members in working with committee and program activities. Other Va'ad members viewed the position as being part of the natural evolution of the congregation, and that sometimes the creation of a new position is a natural and desirable result of our membership growth. Without such a position, certain activities will not be served and attended to as well as they ought to be. After considerable discussion on these issues as well as potential sources of funds, the Va'ad put the issue

aside until the next meeting.

Next, the Renovation Task Force's Ron Wilmot led the Va'ad on a "walk-through" of the synagogue. Ron's committee had come up with many preliminary recommendations to expand the capacity of the existing space and/or make it more usable. Among the task force's recommendations were: to cut down the size of the bimah so that additional rows of seating could be placed up front; to install bench seating on either side of the bimah; to replace the podium with a less massive one; to move the piano; to make the entry vestibule the greeting/flyer distribution area; to widen the left side hallway leading to the oneg room; to cut down the size of the kitchen; to add a second bath; to build in shelving along the east wall upstairs for possible library expansion.

Ron also questioned the Va'ad whether

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and the effort. Those who have participated in CSZ's Christmas effort over the last five years know the joy of performing this mitzvah.

This daily challenge is accomplished with the tremendous support of the community and more recently through the Project Open Hand "Adopt-A-Route" program. "The Adopt-A-Route program was established to encourage our community's churches, synagogues, neighborhood groups, and corporations to work together in the fight against AIDS," explains Marilyn Picariello, the volunteer recruiter for the agency. Through this program, groups "adopt" a delivery route for Open Hand. "All that is needed is a core group of eight to ten

individuals who then elect a group leader and pick a day they wish to deliver meals. The system works best when volunteers team up in pairs of two—a driver and a helper," says Picariello. Meals are available to be picked up from the kitchen on 17th Street between 3:30 and 5:50 pm. Individuals will spend approximately two hours a month volunteering. Already, organizers like Levi Strauss and Co., Pillsbury, Madison & Sutro, and the Sierra Club have "adopted" a route for Project Open Hand.

Volunteers are urgently needed. CSZ can adopt a route with your support. Marilyn Picariello will be speaking and answering questions after the service on February 19. If you cannot attend but would like to sign up or get more information, call Marilyn directly (252-2742).

Naches

Mazel tov to **Ilana Bernstein and Diane Desmond** on the birth and entry into the covenant of their son, Desmond Ian Bernstein.

To **Abby Abinanti** who has been named Legal Director of the National Center for Lesbian Rights.

To **Ida and Evan Kuluk and Susan Spott** on moving into their new home together in Oakland.

To **Lane Schickler** on his new job as administrator of the UCSF Center on Deafness.

To **Lonnie Weiss** on moving into her new home.

To **Merry Luskin** on moving to Oakland to live with her partner, Meredith Florian.

..... The Younger Set

Announcing a **PURIM CELEBRATION**

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**Sunday morning
March 7**

Further details will be mailed to families with young children. To add your family to the mailing list, please call Mark Pressler in the office and let him know you have young children.

We need help with refreshments, supplies and support. To volunteer or for further information, please call:

Simon Glinsky
(415/648-0554) or

Jody Adelberg
(510/655-6850)

Purim Mask-Making Event

The Havas Children's Library will be the place to go for a creative celebration of Purim on Sunday, February 28, when artist and family education specialist (and CSZ member) Susan Greenspan leads a mask-making festival for kids and their families. Greenspan is a Jewish art specialist who has been coordinator of Jewish family programs for the Jewish Community Center and Artist-in-Residence in the San Francisco public schools. She will combine her art and teaching skills to tell the story of Purim and elicit the artist in everyone. Children will go

home with Purim masks and happy memories.

This event is free and open to the public—all are invited. The festivities begin at 2 pm, art materials are provided free of charge, and refreshments will be served. The Havas Children's Library, which is administered by the Bureau of Jewish Education, is located in the Jewish Community Library, at 601 14th Ave. (at Balboa), in the Richmond District of San Francisco.

Scholarships for Children of Gay and Lesbian Families

The Joseph Towner Fund for Gay and Lesbian Families, administered by the Horizons Foundation, administers and awards scholarships to post-secondary students with at least one gay or lesbian parent living in the Bay Area. Scholarships are up to \$1,000 per academic year, with a lifetime total award of \$4,000. If you or your child is eligible or interested, please contact the Horizons Foundation for an application at (398-2333).

PARENTS' MEETING

**Saturday, February 20
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10–11:30 am**

Join CSZ parents and friends to gather and talk. This informal gathering will aim to help us get to know each other better and focus on support and networking.

Childcare available

The East Bay Children's Shabbat

The East Bay Children's Shabbat, a new activity for children, their families, and their friends, will hold the first of its monthly potluck dinners on Friday, February 12 at 925 Talbot Ave. in Albany.

Everyone is welcome to attend. Plan on arriving around 6:30. We will sing together, then light the candles and do the shabbat blessings. Dinner will be around 7:15. Please bring a main dish, side dish, or dessert. The hostesses will provide a challah and beverages.

Future Children's Shabbats are planned for every second Friday of each month. For directions and more information, please call 510/525-5026 evenings (except Wednesdays) and weekends.

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Va'ad

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he should, as an alternative, do some preliminary investigation into the possibility of a future purchase or exchange of real property with any neighborhood churches. The Va'ad asked Ron to do so, but also to try to come up with some cost estimates for the items proposed in the task force's preliminary recommendations. This should be done in the next two months.

Susan Unger announced that the new CSZ Passover Hagaddah is almost ready to go to the printer. The Va'ad authorized the printing of 5,000 copies, using the money in the Prayerbook Fund.

Trudi Hauptman addressed the Va'ad on the topic of the congregation's providing incentive grants to the families of Kadimah students who attend summer sessions at Camp Swig.

Most UAHC congregations provide camperships to their congregants, with incentives ranging from \$50 to \$150 year. Most of the ensuing discussion focused on the feasibility of providing scholarships as opposed to incentives, as well as the question of what the most appropriate source of funds should be. The Va'ad voted to establish a combination program of scholarships and incentives, and the source would be a new budget line to be initially funded from the Children's Education Fund, a maximum amount of \$500 would be made available for the combination scholarship-incentive program.

Mark Pressler's administrator's report highlighted the fact that Healing Services will be held every Monday evening, and that Tuesday evenings will be devoted to Adult Education sessions.

While the CSZ Chanukah Party on December 19 was successful, there were a number of shortcomings which were acknowledged, especially in regard to the activities for the children. The Va'ad is committed to doing its very best to improve in this area.

Nathan Robinson announced that our next social event will be the annual *Megillah Madness*. This year's Purim festivities will take place in the gym of the Jewish Community Center on Saturday night, March 6. The evening will feature square dancing, an exhibition by the Foggy City Dancers, and the usual breathtaking array of fabulous costumes.

The meeting concluded at 10:35 with a *presto* rendition of *Oseh Shalom*.

Contributions

Sha'ar Zahav welcomes all contributions of all sizes to mark any event and to add to any of our funds. Contributions will be acknowledged in the *Forward* unless otherwise requested.

Donations were made to Sha'ar Zahav's funds in the past months by the following contributors:

General Fund

David Weinstein for Ida Cooper's quick recovery

Jonathan Funk and John Arnold in memory of the father of Eric Cooper-Keitel, Milton Keitel

Allan Berenstein in memory of his grandfather, A.J. Berenstein

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Harriet Tucker in memory of Susan Gelmis' mother, Ruth Gelmis

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Liz Goodman in memory of her aunt, Roberta Goodman

Mark Mackler and Ingu Yun in honor of Jonathan Funk's becoming a partner in his law firm

David Weinstein in honor of the birthday of Dennis Adair

Allan Berenstein in memory of Florence Nacamulli's mother

Jeffrey Davidson in memory of Regina Rottenberg

David Issacson in honor of Ron Lezell's birthday

Barbara Ruth

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Henry Carrey in memory of his father

David Weinstein in celebration of the life of his departed brother, Bernard Weinstein and his life partner, Albert (Bryn) Stern

AIDS Fund

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Bikkur Cholim Committee in memory of Florence Nacamulli's mother

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Seth Charney in memory of Stephen Walters

Social Action Fund

Ami Zusman

Stein/Chesir Music Fund

Sara Segal and Robert Kantor in memory of Eric Cooper-Keitel's father

New Members

The Membership Committee is pleased to announce that our congregation gained the following new members this month. A warm welcome to the latest people to join our family:

Abby Dernburg

B. Scott Levine

We're grateful to see our congregation grow. It is up to all of us to help our new members feel welcome as they become active participants in our community.

President's Column

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Bikkur Cholim: Our caring committee offers many benefits both to committee members, and our entire community. Committee members have the opportunity to perform mitzvot, to learn how to support people in need, become comfortable with and bring joy to the elderly. Our ill members get the benefits of home and hospital visits, transportation to services, company and moral support, and help with connecting with outside social service and

to do at all. This is an understated, but very valuable CSZ service. In addition, the committee makes regular visits to our cemetery to insure that our deceased members and friends are not forgotten.

Children's Chavurah: The benefit to our families and children from this group is clear. The Children's Chavurah provides support and activities for our families throughout the year. Members without children who are interested in developing relationships with kids are

Gift Shop: The gift shop is run by just a couple of member volunteers, but they develop skills in buying merchandise and inventorying. The gift shop provides a very useful service to all of us by being available for a variety of gift options from Bar/Bat Mitzvahs to housewarmings.

Israel Chavurah: This committee offers its members wonderful opportunities to discuss, understand, and take

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health agencies. None of us knows when we might need these services. Bikkur Cholim can also be supportive in times of our own grief when a loved one dies.

Brotherhood: Our men's group exists for the social benefit of our male members, through a variety of activities planned throughout the year. This is one area that a program director would help support and coordinate.

Building: Our tireless building committee of one person provides countless services for us all: keeping the building maintained from paint to plumbing, researching and recommending everything from insurance plans to sound systems. Being on the committee would afford someone the opportunity to learn some useful repair skills and learn how to deal with contractors and repair people.

Bylaws: This is another small committee that helps us all by carefully organizing and wording our governing rules. A committee member might learn something about organizational procedures that could be useful in other organizations in which s/he is a member.

Cemetery: This committee is another direct service group that provides information and support, and acts as a liaison in helping us set up our final arrangements—something we all have to do sometime, but that no one wants

also welcome at events and meetings; this is an easy and satisfying way to bring children into one's life.

Cookbook Project: The cookbook has been of enormous financial benefit to us all, as well as providing CSZ with national (worldwide?) reknown. Participation in this fund-raising committee gives an opportunity to learn about marketing, sales, inventories—a must for small entrepreneurs.

Adult Education: Members of the Adult Education Committee have an opportunity to learn about offerings in Jewish studies, and gain some skills in planning educational programs, and working with other Jewish educational agencies. Members, in general, have the opportunity to enhance their Jewish knowledge, participate in exciting intellectual discussions, and learn practical skills, all at our supportive and familiar congregation.

Finance: Participation in the Finance Committee offers its members a chance to learn not only about the inner workings of the synagogue, but something about preparing budgets, managing expenses, and making investments. A potential small business owner could learn a lot from our Finance Committee. While members don't receive direct service from this committee, it ensures that the synagogue is kept financially healthy for all of us.

Tu B'Shevat Tiul (Hike)

You are invited to join with the Gay/Lesbian Israeli Chevreh (group) of the Bay Area in a Tu B'shevat tiul.

Tu B'shevat is sometimes known as Israel's Arbor Day, a sort of New Year's for the trees and a time to be particularly in touch with nature. The tiul will be held on Saturday, February 6 at 11 am sharp. We will meet at the Muir Woods Visitors Center. Pack a lunch and don't forget to bring liquids. If it rains, call 626-5748 to see if the tiul is canceled. Please note that dogs are not permitted on the trails.

From San Francisco take the Golden Gate Bridge to Highway 1/Stinson Beach exit (approximately 4.5 miles from bridge). Follow signs to Highway 1 West and go approximately 3–4 miles to junction. Branch right at junction onto Panoramic Highway following signs to Muir Woods and proceed to the Muir Woods parking lot. The hike is of moderate difficulty lasting about five hours, including lunch break.

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These generous people sponsored onegs in January:

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| 8 | Mark Pressler, commemorating the yahrzeit of his lover, Richard Henderson and, Marsha and Blanche Blachman, commemorating the yahrzeit of their father, Ben Blachman |
| 22 | Rabbi Kahn and Dan Bellm in honor of their adoption of Adam and Adam's naming and entrance into the covenant |

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President's Column

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action on issues relating to Israel. They serve our interests as gay/lesbian/bisexual Jews when policies affecting us are proposed or enacted in Israel.

Membership: This invaluable committee is our bridge between the community of potential CSZ members and the synagogue. Committee members learn how to interview new and potential members, and develop skills in learning how to identify members' interests and needs. Membership committee members enjoy greeting service attendees on Friday nights, and have an excellent opportunity for making new friends and acquaintances. Clearly, new members benefit from the committee, being made to feel welcome, and being provided with information about CSZ.

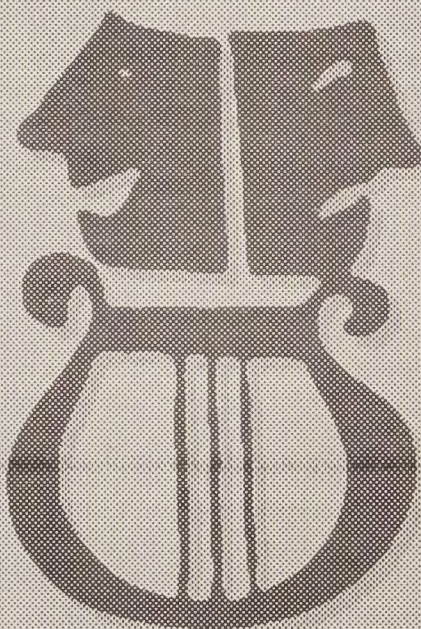
That gets us through a little more than half of our committees. In writing this it was easier than I thought it would be to identify the unique benefits that each committee offers its members and the synagogue at large. Think about all that you do get or could be getting from CSZ. I'll finish discussing the rest of the committees as well as our social events next month. Until then, find something new to take advantage of at CSZ.

Women's Havdalah Potluck

The Women's Chavurah has scheduled its next bi-monthly potluck for Saturday, March 13 at the home of Sarah Nathe and Susan Tubbesing, 3433 Brunell Drive, Oakland. Beginning at 6:30 pm, we'll hold a brief Havdalah service, followed by a potluck dinner and time to shmooze. Plans are underway for a one-day Women's Health Conference, "Our Jewish Bodies," sponsored by the Women's Chavurah and tentatively scheduled for Sunday, May 23. Come and learn all about it.

Directions: Take Highway 13 to the Lincoln/Joaquin Miller exit. Go up the hill on Joaquin Miller to Butters, turn right on Butters and go to Brunell. Turn right on Brunell and go to 3433. Call Susan for more information: 510/482-3740. If your last name begins with A-H, please bring a dessert; I-P, a side dish; and Q-Z, a main dish. See you March 13.

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Members wishing to contact any Va'ad member or committee chair are invited to obtain his or her number from the synagogue office.

Office Hours: Monday–Friday from 9 am to 12:30 pm and 2 pm to 4:30 pm. Rabbi's office hours by appointment. Please call the synagogue office at 861-6932.

Emergency Number: In an emergency, the congregation can be contacted outside of office hours by calling 861-6938.

Services are held every Friday evening beginning at 8:15 pm (except as noted), with an Oneg Shabbat following services. Services are generally held on the second Saturday of each month at 10:30 am—check calendar for each month.

Gift Shop Hours: Fridays, 7:30–8:05 pm

Library Hours: Open during office hours, and 30 minutes before and after Friday night services.

Member of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (Mike Rankin, Allyce Kimerling, Liaisons) and of the World Congress of Gay and Lesbian Jewish Organizations (Marc Mencher, Liaison).

Congregation Sha'ar Zahav (Congregation of the Golden Gate) is located in the Upper Market District of San Francisco at 220 Danvers at Caselli, which is one block south of the intersection of 18th and Market streets. By public transport, take MUNI bus 33 Stanyan to 18th and Danvers and walk one block south on Danvers to Caselli.

Condolences

To **Henry Mach** on the death of his father Nathan Machtay.

To **Florence Nacamulli** on the death of her mother Sophie Resnick.

To **Marion Trentman** on the death of her uncle George Connett.

To **Susan Stahl** on the death her grandmother Margaret Nebenzahl

To **Jordan Berger** on the death of his friend Eric Ward.

To **Lane Schickler** on the death of his friend Christopher Douglass.

To **Liz Goodman** on the death of her aunt Roberta Goodman.

To **Congregation Sha'ar Zahav** on the death of its member Alan Craig.

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Birthdays

5 Cynthia Greenberg
 5 Ami Zusman
 5 Mark Taubman-Walker
 5 Steve Weitz
 7 Ida Kuluk
 8 Molly Singer
 9 Amy Gentile
 9 Mark Freeman
 10 Daniel Bonnet
 10 Audrey Adelson
 10 Ruth Miguel
 11 Robert Stern
 12 Joan Lefkowitz
 13 Rabbi Nancy Flare
 14 Susan Douglass
 14 Susan Unger
 14 Irene Ogus
 14 Ron Wolberg
 15 Russell Discher
 16 Patricia A.
 16 Sharon M.
 17 Yael Silverberg-Willis
 17 Barry Siegel
 20 Hilary Zaid
 21 Marta F.
 21 Andrew Schwartz
 22 Gail Friedlander
 22 Susan Tubbesing
 23 Hal Heller
 24 Joel Shapiro
 25 Alex Ingersoll
 25 Nikki Bengal
 27 Liela Raim
 28 Steven Gaynes

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Anniversaries

1 Marilyn Brown and Beth Rose
 2 Merry Luskin and Meredith Florian
 7 Arlene Hoffman and Christine Leonardich
 14 Cheryl Sena and Abby Abinanti
 14 Stacy Schuster and Joan Lefkowitz
 23 Luana and Yael Silverberg-Willis
 24 William Dennebeim and Mark Vogel

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FEBRUARY

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1 Monday 10 Shevat • 6pm, Healing Service*	9 Tuesday 18 Shevat • 7pm, Healing and Wholeness • 7:15pm, Prayerbook Hebrew • 8:30pm, Jewish Philosophies	16 Tuesday 25 Shevat • 7pm, Healing and Wholeness • 7:15pm, Prayerbook Hebrew • 8:30pm, Jewish Philosophies	23 Tuesday 2 Adar • 7pm, Healing and Wholeness • 7:15pm, Prayerbook Hebrew • 8:30pm, Jewish Philosophies
2 Tuesday 11 Shevat • 7pm, Healing and Wholeness • 7:15pm, Prayerbook Hebrew • 8:30pm, Jewish Philosophies	10 Wednesday 19 Shevat • 7pm, Newsletter editing	17 Wednesday 26 Shevat	24 Wednesday 3 Adar
3 Wednesday 12 Shevat	11 Thursday 20 Shevat	18 Thursday 27 Shevat • 7pm, Bikkur Cholim Committee	25 Thursday 4 Adar • 6:30pm, Ritual meeting • 6:30pm, Newsletter distribution
4 Thursday 13 Shevat • 7pm, Children's Education	12 Friday 21 Shevat • 6:30pm, Women's Chavurah Shabbat Dinner • 6:30pm, East Bay Children's Shabbat Dinner • 8:15pm, Shabbat Service, Andy Ingall and Daniel Chesir	19 Friday 28 Shevat • 6:30pm, Bikkur Cholim lead services at Jewish Home for the Aged • 8:15pm, Shabbat Service, Gary Sokol and Tiela Chalmers • 8:15pm, East Bay Service	26 Friday 5 Adar • 8:15pm, Shabbat Service, Mark Taubman-Walker, Susan Unger, Jonathan Comisar
5 Friday 14 Shevat • 8:15pm, Shabbat Service, Linda Hirschhorn and Jonathan Comisar	13 Saturday 22 Shevat • 10:30am, Shabbat Service, Frank Yellin and Josh Lee • 12pm, Bat Mitzvah study group	20 Saturday 29 Shevat • 9:30am, Kadimah • 10am, Parents' meeting, 456 Hill St., San Francisco	27 Saturday 6 Adar • 9:30am, Kadimah
6 Saturday 15 Shevat Tu B'Shevat • 9:30am, Kadimah Family Service • 11am, Israeli Chevreh Tiul	14 Sunday 23 Shevat	21 Sunday 30 Shevat	28 Sunday 7 Adar • 10:30am, Kaiser Brunch
7 Sunday 16 Shevat	15 Monday 24 Shevat • 6pm, Healing service* • 7pm, Newsletter proofreading/layout	22 Monday 1 Adar • 6pm, Healing Service*	*Note: The Healing Service will be held every Monday for the month of February depending on attendance. Note: Gray areas indicate religious services.
8 Monday 17 Shevat • 6pm, Healing Service* • 6:30pm, Va'ad meeting			

D E A D L I N E

The deadline for all submissions to the March *Gaily Forward* is

Monday, February 8

No late submissions will be published without a deadline extension arranged in advance with the newsletter chair. Any CSZ member is welcome to submit articles of interest to our readership. Please type and double-space your articles. You may mail or fax (861-6081) your material to CSZ, Attn: *Gaily Forward*.

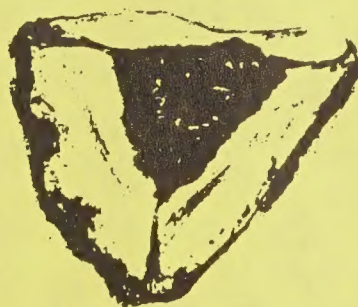
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- ▼ square dancing TAUGHT by renowned caller Andy Shore

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- ▼ hamentashen bake-off
best hamentashen • dinner for two at Splendido Restaurant
- ▼ costume contest
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best Purim story costume • two tickets for a show at Theatre Rhinoceros
best original costume • prize to be announced

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- ▼ dance exhibition • the foggy city dancers
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